

## Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

May 19, 2005

- via fax -

Peter Enzoë  
Chair, Wildlife, Lands & Environment Committee  
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Dear Mr. Enzoë:

**Re: EA0506-003 Ur Energy – Information About Your Concerns**

On May 3, 2005 the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board referred Ur Energy's proposed uranium development at Screech Lake to environmental assessment. The MVLWB cited public concerns raised by the Lutsel K'e Wildlife, Lands & Environment Committee as the reason for the referral. The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) has developed a work plan for this assessment, which has been forwarded to you.

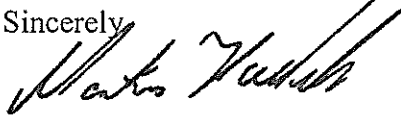
In preparation for the public hearing on June 29, 2005, the MVEIRB would like to pose a few questions to you. The Board is not looking for any kind of comprehensive document but rather it is interested in obtaining basic information on a number of key items. The purpose of these questions is to provide all participants in the hearing with a common understanding of the issues. Please provide your answers, to the best ability within the admittedly very tight time frame, on or before June 3, 2005.

In addition to the information already contained in your letter to the MVLWB of April 14, 2005 could you please provide the following:

1. Some details regarding the cultural significance of the project area. Are there individual sites that are significant? Are there certain areas within the region that are more significant than others? On what is the significance based on, such as historic events, spiritual sites, etc.?
2. Information about the importance of the area for hunting and fishing, such as which species have been harvested historically, are being harvested today, and during what time of the year harvesting does commonly occur in this area. Also, if possible, provide an estimate of the volume of harvesting in that area relative to the total harvesting by the community.
3. Any available documentation of efforts to include the project area within the Thelon Game Sanctuary, a related special management area, or within the proposed East Arm national park.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by phone (867) 766-7053, fax (867) 766-7074, or e-mail [mhaefe@mveirb.nt.ca](mailto:mhaefe@mveirb.nt.ca) if you have any questions regarding the EA process or need clarification on the type of information we are seeking.

Sincerely,



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